



City of Asheville, NC

Finance Department

Minutes Revenue and Finance Committee 8:00 a.m., May 7, 2007

Present: Council Members: Brownie Newman, Chair; Bryan Freeborn, Dr. Carl Mumpower
Staff: Benjamin Durant, Tony McDowell, Sandy Bumgarner, Cheryl Heywood

- **Approval of Minutes**

- Councilman Mumpower moved to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on April 24th. This motion was seconded by Councilman Freeman and carried unanimously.

- **Discussion Items**

- **Biltmore Estate Fire District: Chief Grayson**
 - The Committee instructed Chief Grayson to recommend to the County Commission that the rate in the Biltmore Estate fire district be adjusted from the current rate of eight and a half cents to twelve and a half cents.
- **Firemen's Retirement Policy**
 - The committee recommended that the firemen participate in the social security plan, and if unwilling, participate in a 3% match on the City's 457 plan.
- **Parking and Transit: Bruce Black**
 - Funding for Parking from the Transit Fund
 - The Committee needs additional analysis from staff. When completed, Bruce will supply the feasibility study to the committee in July.
 - Parking fee rebates for low emission vehicles
 - The Committee asked for additional analysis from staff. Bruce will do a survey of all vehicles now parking in city lots and see what the economic impact would be.
- **Building Safety/Planning/Water: Robert Griffin, Charlotte Caplan, David Hanks**
 - Fee Rebates for green certified developments and affordable housing
 - The Committee will recommend the following to full council:
 - 50% rebate for LEED (leadership in energy and environmental design) certified silver to be applied to dwellings within the city and ETJ (extra-territorial jurisdiction).
 - 100% rebate for LEED certified gold to be applied to dwellings within the city and ETJ.
 - 100% water hook up rebate to all customers for LEED certified.

- **Other**
 - **Building Safety Fees and Charges**
 - Temporary Occupancy Application Fee Increase
 - The Committee agreed with staff recommendation.
 - Copy fee to pay for newly leased copier
 - The Committee agreed with staff recommendation.
- **Meeting Adjournment**
 - The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.